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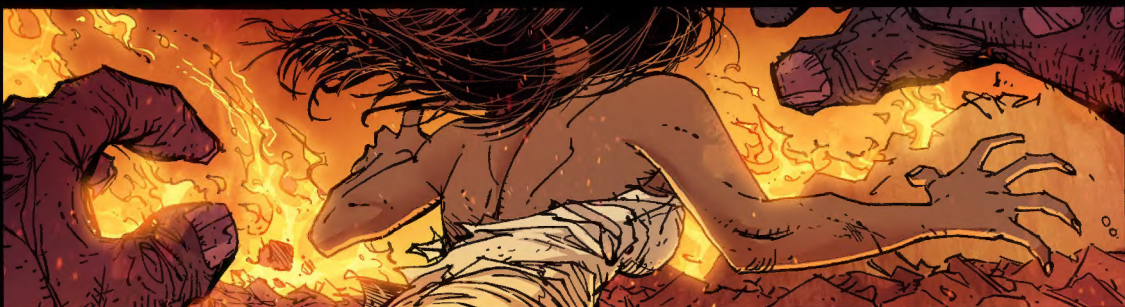
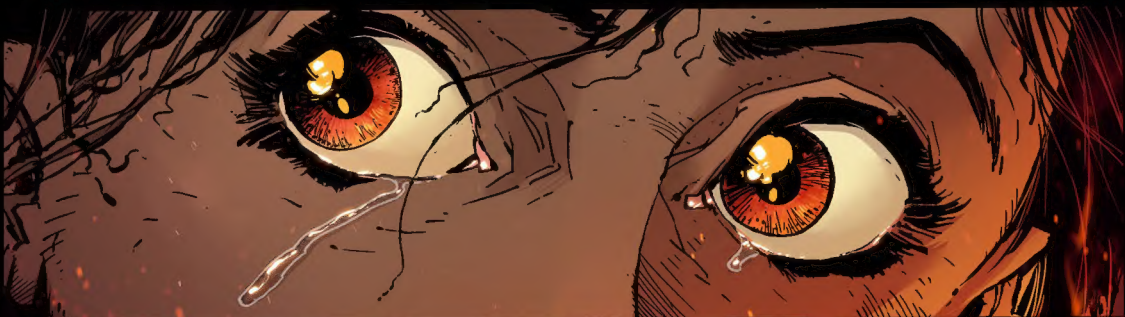
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## PREVIOUSLY IN SPAWN

In this mostly silent issue, Spawn has finally entered Hell, with a vengeance. He slashes his way through thousands of demons, only to leave one lonely demon alive... solely as a messenger. Spawn then gives his message to the demon — to tell Satan of Spawn's arrival in Hell.



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UP.

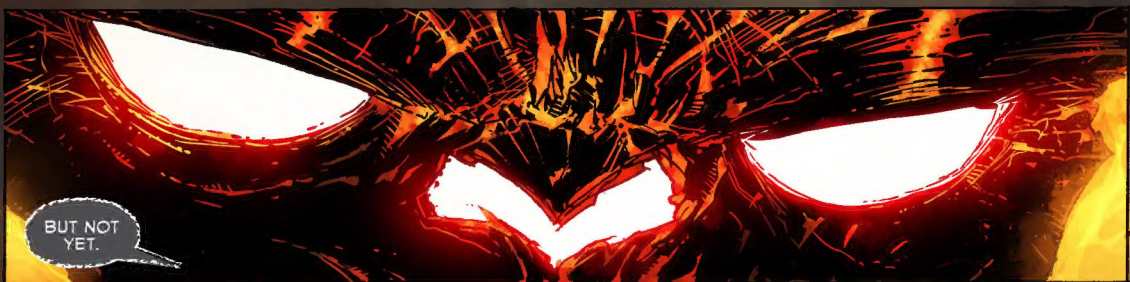
YOU DON'T  
GET TO REST.  
**EVER!**

NOT IF YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
RESIST US.



THEY ARE TRYING TO BREAK  
HER BECAUSE SHE HAS BEEN  
RESISTING AND THEY NEED  
HER TO GIVE IN WILLINGLY--  
ABSOLUTELY OF HER OWN  
FREE WILL.







ELSEWHERE  
IN THE BELLY  
OF HELL,  
THERE'S  
ANOTHER WHO  
ALSO HAS  
PLANS OF  
HIS OWN.

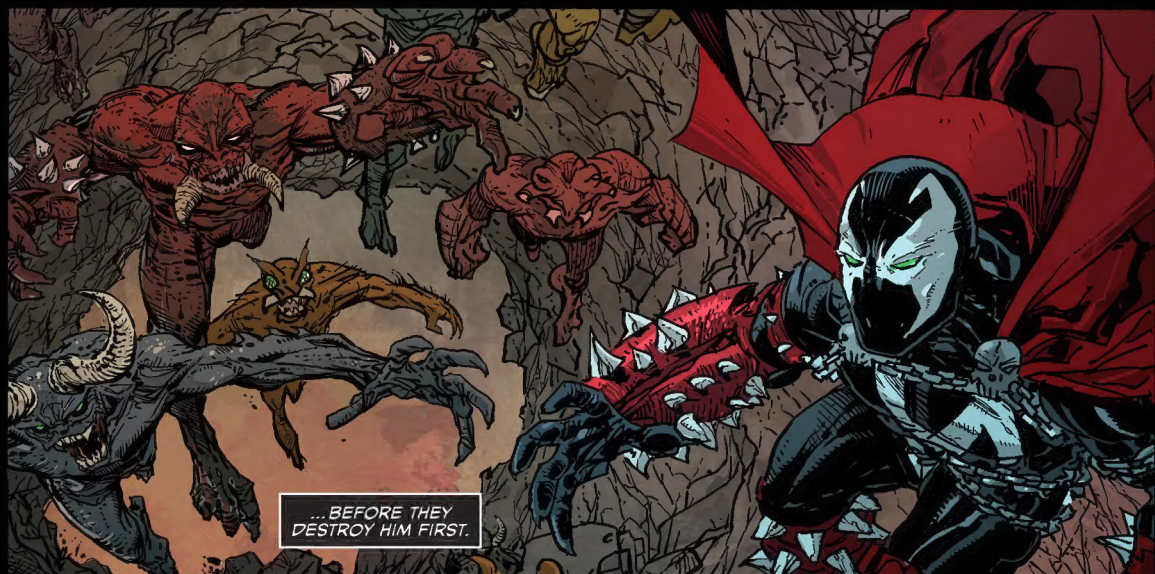
ACTUALLY,  
IT'S MORE  
THAN A  
PLAN... IT'S  
A MISSION.  
HE'S HERE  
TO FIND THE  
WOMAN HE  
LOVES.



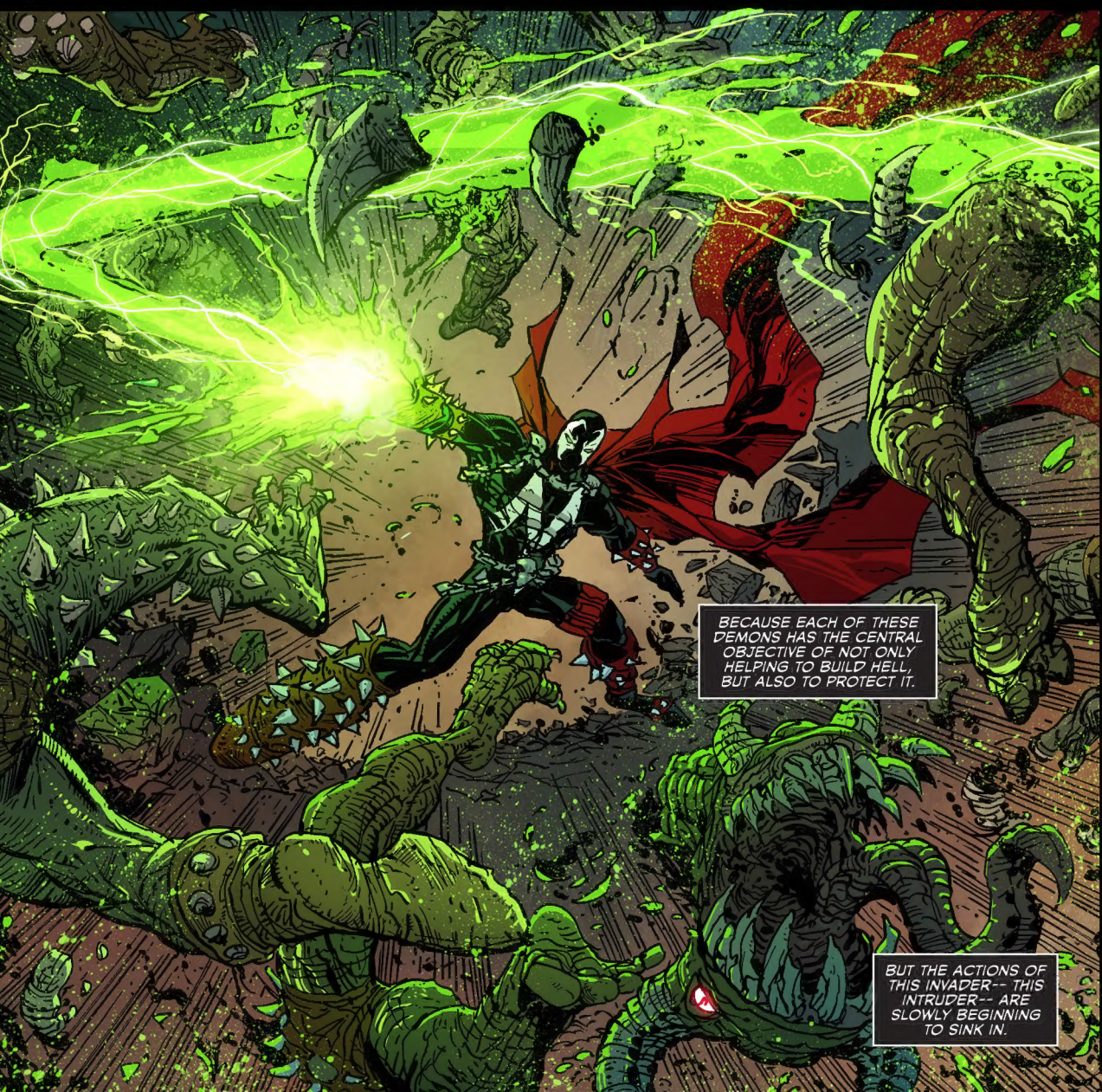
AND END HIS PERSONAL  
WAR ONCE AND FOR ALL.



TO DESTROY HIS ENEMIES...



...BEFORE THEY  
DESTROY HIM FIRST.



BECAUSE EACH OF THESE  
DEMONS HAS THE CENTRAL  
OBJECTIVE OF NOT ONLY  
HELPING TO BUILD HELL,  
BUT ALSO TO PROTECT IT.

BUT THE ACTIONS OF  
THIS INVADER-- THIS  
INTRUDER-- ARE  
SLOWLY BEGINNING  
TO SINK IN.

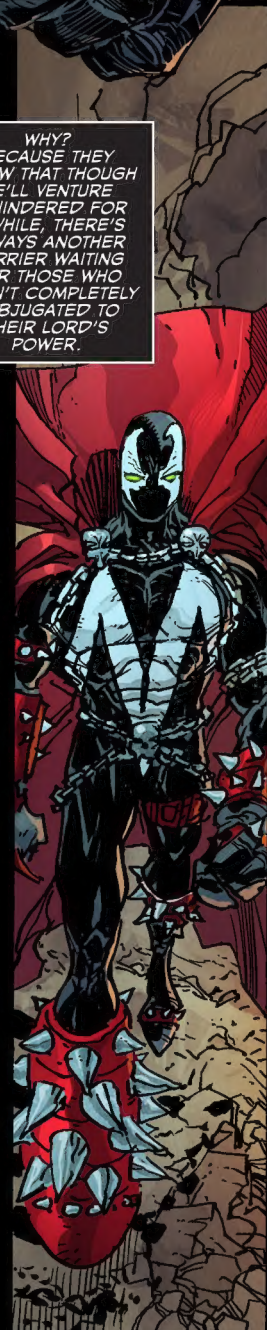
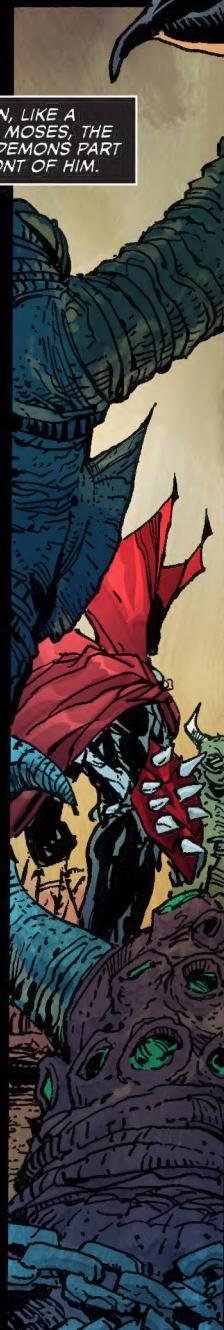


I'M GOING  
THROUGH THIS  
VALLEY--TO FIND  
YOUR MASTER!  
EITHER YOU LET  
ME PASS...

OR I KILL  
**EVERY**  
ONE OF  
YOU.

THEN, LIKE A  
HELLISH MOSES, THE  
SEA OF DEMONS PART  
IN FRONT OF HIM.

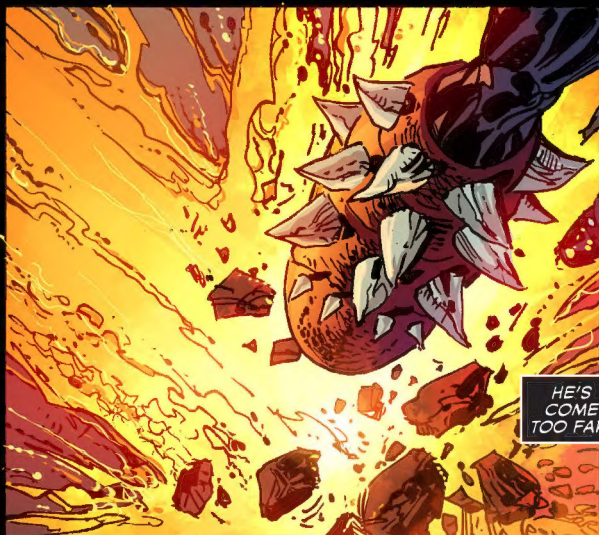
WHY?  
BECAUSE THEY  
KNOW THAT THOUGH  
HE'LL VENTURE  
UNHINDERED FOR  
A WHILE, THERE'S  
ALWAYS ANOTHER  
BARRIER WAITING  
FOR THOSE WHO  
AREN'T COMPLETELY  
SUBJUGATED TO  
THEIR LORD'S  
POWER.



THEY ALSO  
KNOW THAT  
THOSE BARRIERS  
ARE NOT ONLY  
DEADLY, BUT  
IMPOSING IN  
THEIR SIZE AND  
SCALE!



AND FOR ANY  
OTHER BEING,  
THAT WOULD BE  
ENOUGH OF A  
DETERRENCE--  
BUT NOT FOR THIS  
MAN. NOT THIS  
'HELLSPAWN.'



HE'S  
COME  
TOO FAR.



SUFFERED  
TOO LONG.



NOW HE INTENDS TO MAKE ANYTHING THAT GETS IN HIS WAY SUFFER LIKE HE HAS, AND HE'S COME TO PEACE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT HE MAY NOT LIVE TO SEE THE END OF HIS QUEST.

HE'S FINE WITH THAT.

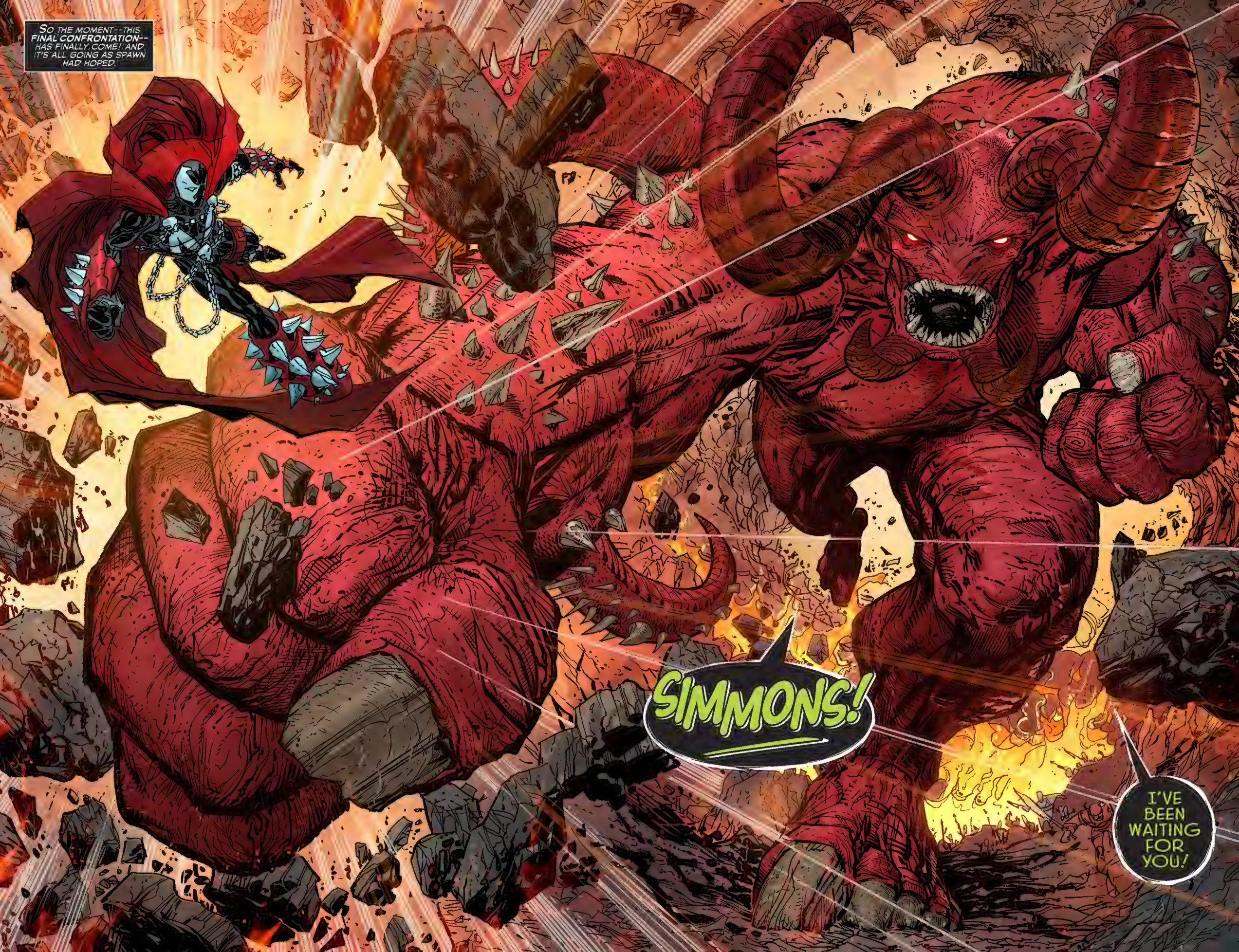


BECAUSE THE ONE THING THEY HAVE UNDERESTIMATED--THE THING THEY'VE ALL MISUNDERSTOOD--IS THAT THE SYMBIOTE HE WEARS MAY VERY WELL BE THE MOST POWERFUL THING HELL HAS EVER CREATED.



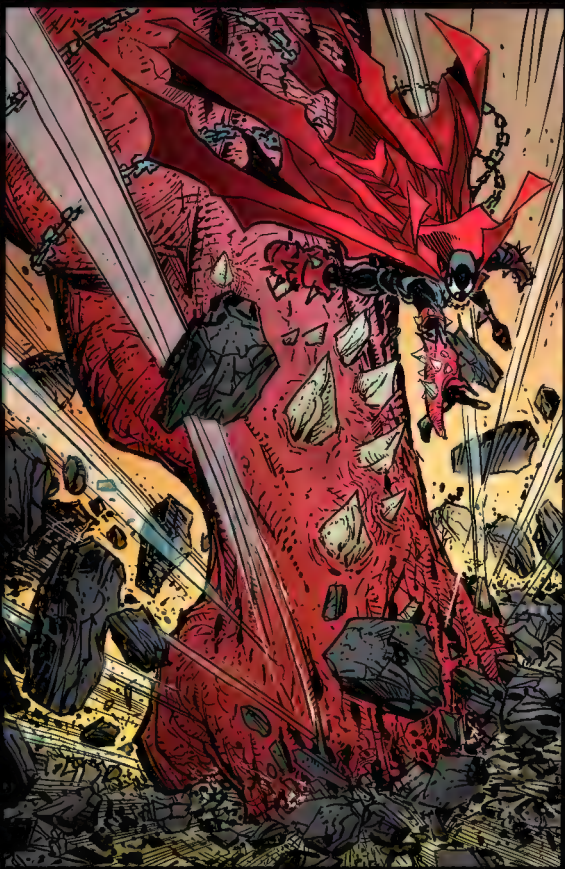
AND AS THE GROUND BELOW STARTS TO SHUDDER, AL KNOWS SATAN IS AWARE OF THAT FACT TOO.

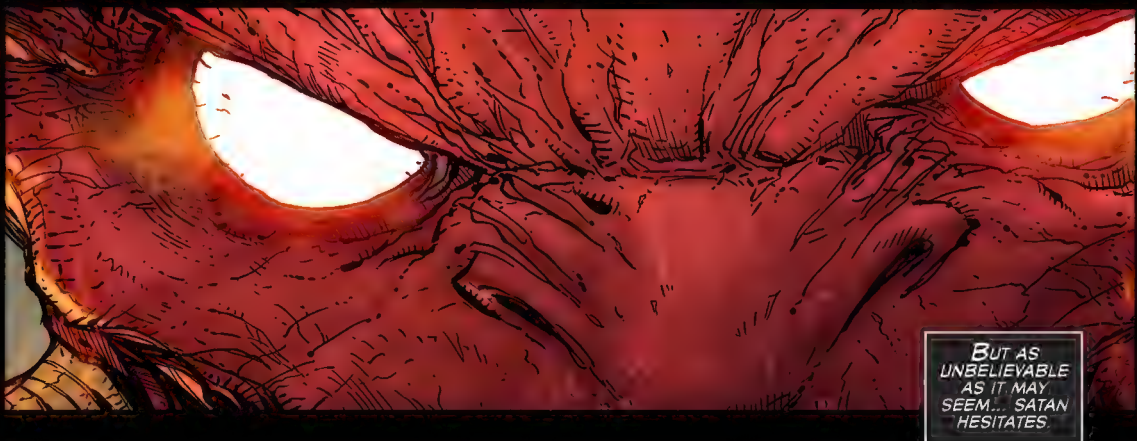
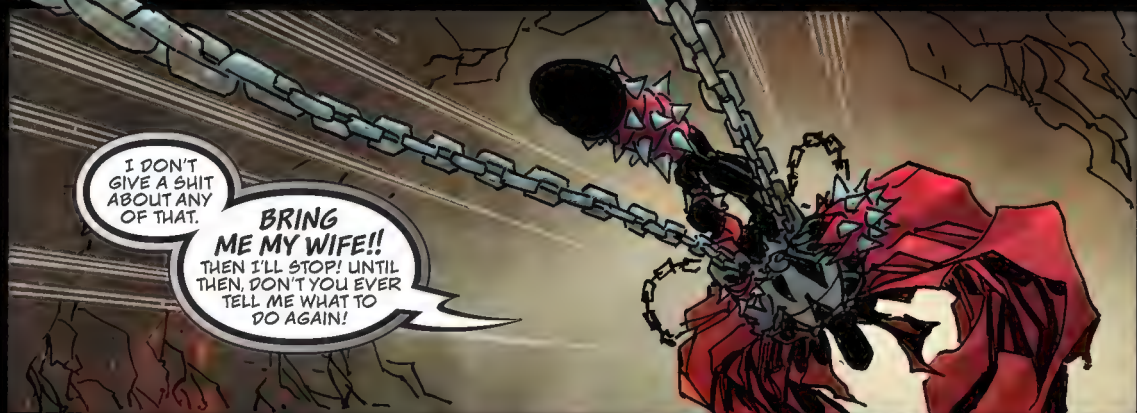
SO THE MOMENT--THIS  
FINAL CONFRONTATION--  
HAS FINALLY COME! AND  
IT'S ALL GOING AS SPAWN  
HAD HOPED.



**SIMMONS!**

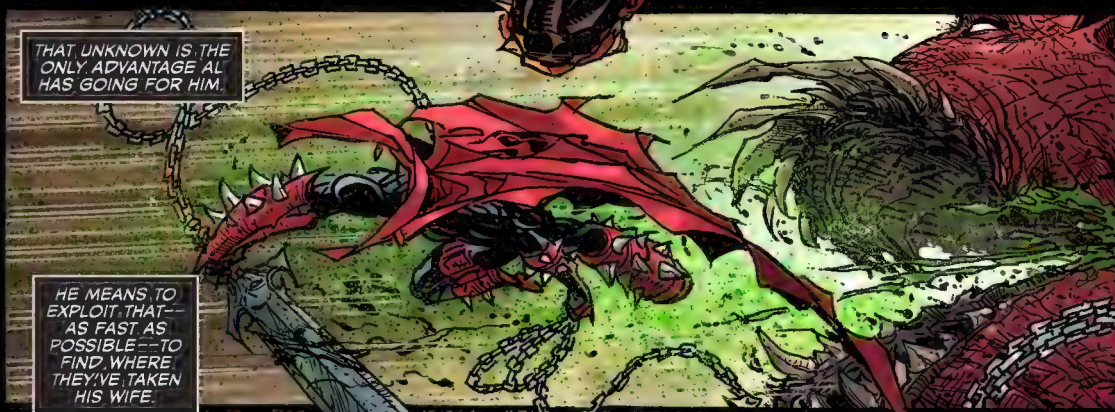
I'VE  
BEEN  
WAITING  
FOR  
YOU!





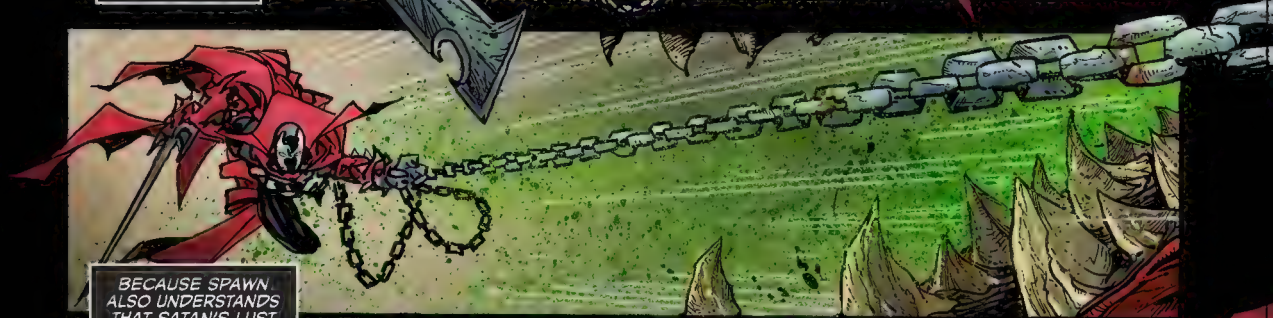


SPAWN KNEW HE WOULD... BECAUSE HELL'S LORD COVETS THE COSTUME AL SIMMONS NOW WEARS. IF SATAN DOES ANY SERIOUS DAMAGE TO AL--THE SYMBIOTE MAY BE INJURED TOO



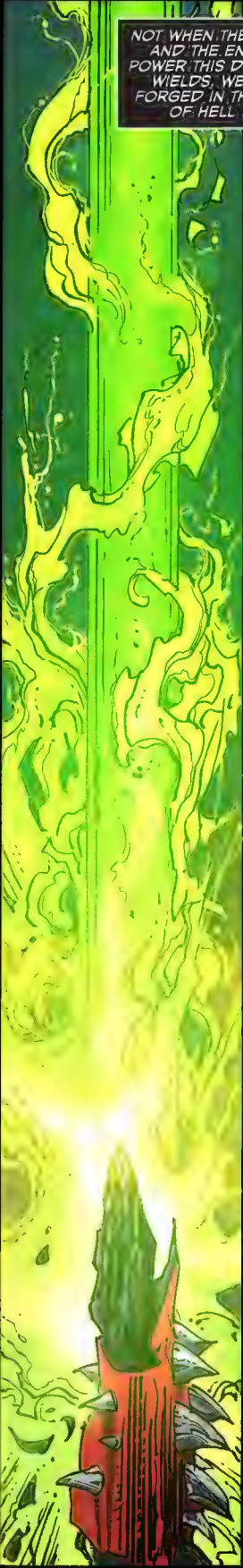
THAT UNKNOWN IS THE ONLY ADVANTAGE AL HAS GOING FOR HIM.

HE MEANS TO EXPLOIT THAT-- AS FAST AS POSSIBLE--TO FIND WHERE THEY'VE TAKEN HIS WIFE.




BECAUSE SPAWN ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT SATAN'S LUST FOR HIS COSTUME DOESN'T MEAN THE GIANT LORD WILL JUST LET THIS SPAWN HAVE HIS WAY.

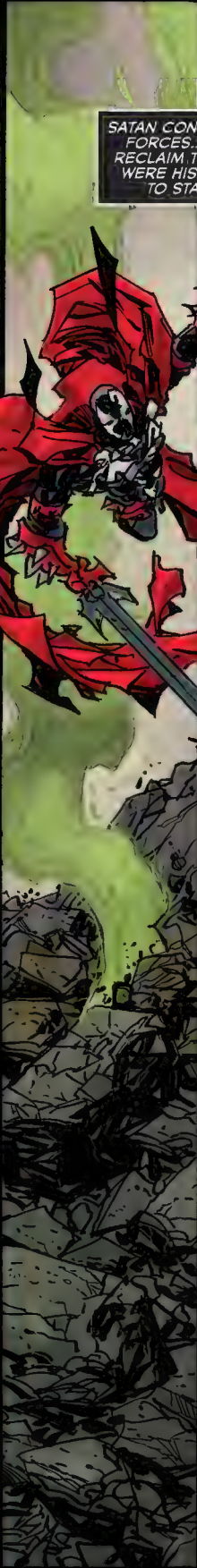




NOT WHEN THE COSTUME  
AND THE ENORMOUS  
POWER THIS DEAD HUMAN  
WIELDS, WERE BOTH  
FORGED IN THE BOWELS  
OF HELL ITSELF.



SATAN CONTROLS THOSE  
FORCES... AND WILL  
RECLAIM THOSE WHICH  
WERE HIS CREATIONS  
TO START WITH.



AND WHEN  
HE GETS WHAT  
HE WANTS  
FROM THIS  
TREACHEROUS  
SPAWN...

...HE'LL EXACT  
AS PAINFUL A  
PUNISHMENT UPON  
HIM AS HE CAN.

GO AHEAD.  
GROW BIGGER!  
IS THAT WHAT YOU  
THINK IT TAKES TO  
STOP ME? BEING  
EIGHT-HUNDRED  
FEET TALL?


I THREATEN  
YOU THAT MUCH?  
WHY? DID SOMEONE  
TELL YOU WHAT I DID  
TO MALEBOLGIA? \*  
WHAT I'M CAPABLE  
OF DOING TO  
YOU?

\* Issue 100 - Todd

OR ARE  
YOU AFRAID  
YOUR OWN  
CREATIONS ARE  
NOW YOUR  
SUPERIOR?



MALEBOLGIA  
WAS ALWAYS  
WEAK. SO, DON'T  
FLATTER  
YOURSELF.



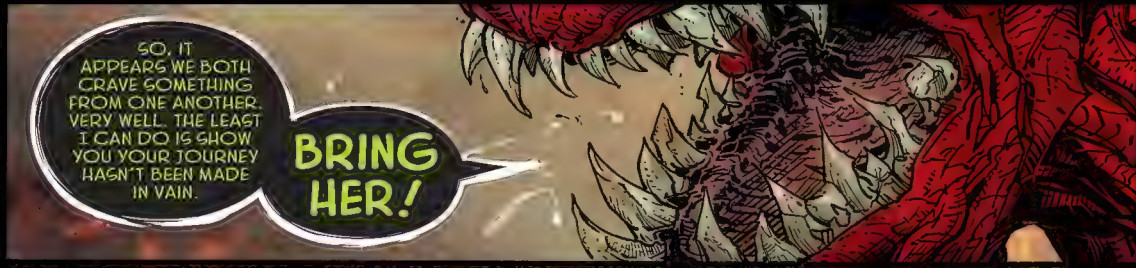
AND THIS  
SO-CALLED  
"BATTLE" WE'RE  
HAVING... YOU'VE  
MADE A MISTAKE  
ABOUT THAT.  
WE AREN'T  
FIGHTING. I'M  
**TESTING**  
**YOU.**

TO SEE  
HOW WELL MY  
CHILDREN HAVE  
GROWN UP. HOW  
CUNNING THEY'VE  
BECOME.



TEST ALL  
YOU WANT. I  
DON'T LEAVE  
UNTIL I GET  
WHAT I CAME  
FOR.

YES...  
YOUR DEAD  
WIFE SEEMS TO  
HAVE VALUE  
TO YOU.



SO, IT  
APPEARS WE BOTH  
Crave SOMETHING  
FROM ONE ANOTHER.  
VERY WELL. THE LEAST  
I CAN DO IS SHOW  
YOU YOUR JOURNEY  
HASN'T BEEN MADE  
IN VAIN.

**BRING  
HER!**



AL...?

PLEASE...  
IS THAT  
REALLY  
YOU?

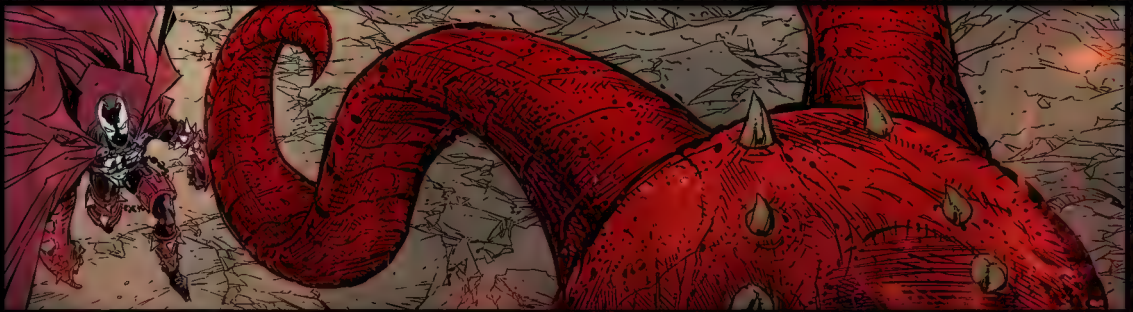
IT'S HIM.  
THE QUESTION  
IS-- DOES HE  
BELIEVE YOU'RE  
THE REAL  
THING?

OR IS  
THIS ANOTHER  
TRICK WE'RE  
PLAYING? WHAT  
DO YOU THINK,  
SIMMONS?

AL WANTS TO BELIEVE IT'S  
WANDA. OR, AT LEAST, HER  
SOUL. BUT HE'S BEEN  
LIED TO AND DECEIVED  
SO MANY TIMES BEFORE...  
HE NEEDS TO BE SURE IT  
TRULY IS HER.

WANDA...







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I can't believe this year is almost over. By the time this issue hits shelves, it will be two days away from 2016!

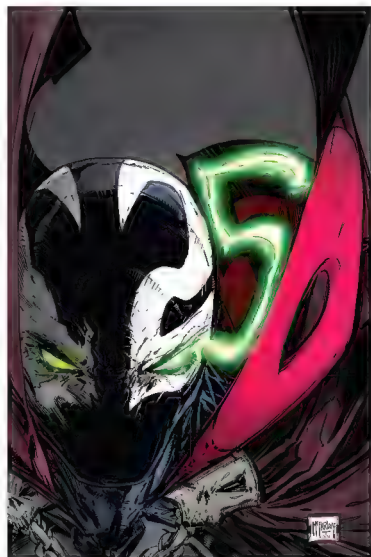
What's even better about starting 2016, is that Todd is going to be doing a "Todd of the Month" calendar on his blog. What is that, you ask? The last day of every month for the next year, he's going to create an original drawing (that you know will be awesome), and add it to a calendar that you can download to your computer and use as wallpaper for your desktop or print out and hang on your wall. How fun will it be to not only ring in the New Year with original art from Todd, but have 12 months of **NEW** original art from him?!

Looking back at the last 12 months, there has been so much going on at McFarlane Productions. The **ORIGINAL** *Spawn*, Al Simmons, has returned to the series kicking butt and taking names. We've taken *Spawn* in a new direction and most recently, the legendary Erik Larsen has joined Todd on *Spawn*. What's even better, is that Todd is back to inking interior pages of the book. I can't tell you how excited fans are to have these two legends on this book. And 2016 will only bring more fun stuff from the dynamic duo of Todd and Erik!

We've also had some exciting news with our toys as well. Some of the highlights from 2015 include launching a new line of HBO Game of Thrones construction sets, releasing more AMC's *The Walking Dead* building sets, tons of *TWD* action figures and resin statues. My personal favorite release this past year is the Medieval *Spawn* resin statue! It is so detailed and so statuesque (pun intended).

For this month's *Spawning Ground*, we wanted to highlight *Spawn* covers we've put out over the last year. Seeing them all together in one place is pretty neat. It truly does show an evolving story over the past year.

Happy New Year,  
Shannon Bailey  
Publishing Coordinator



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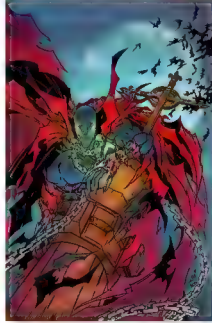
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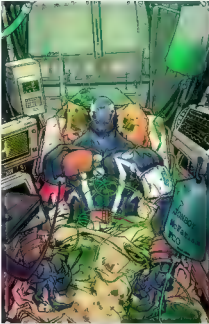
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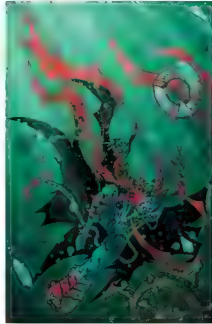
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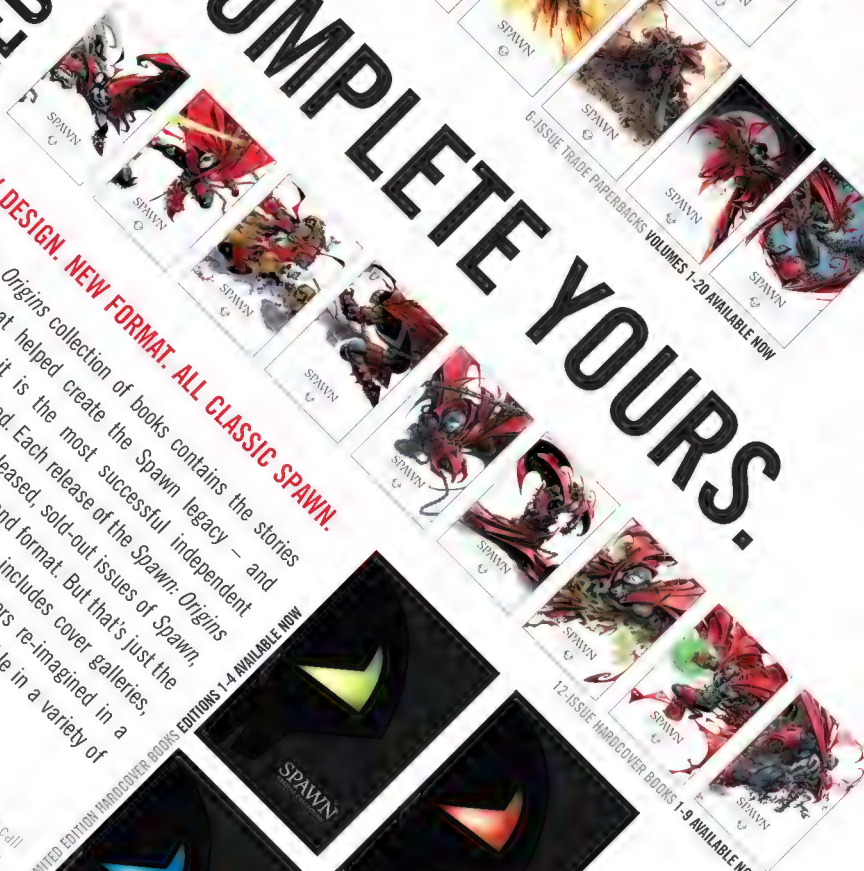
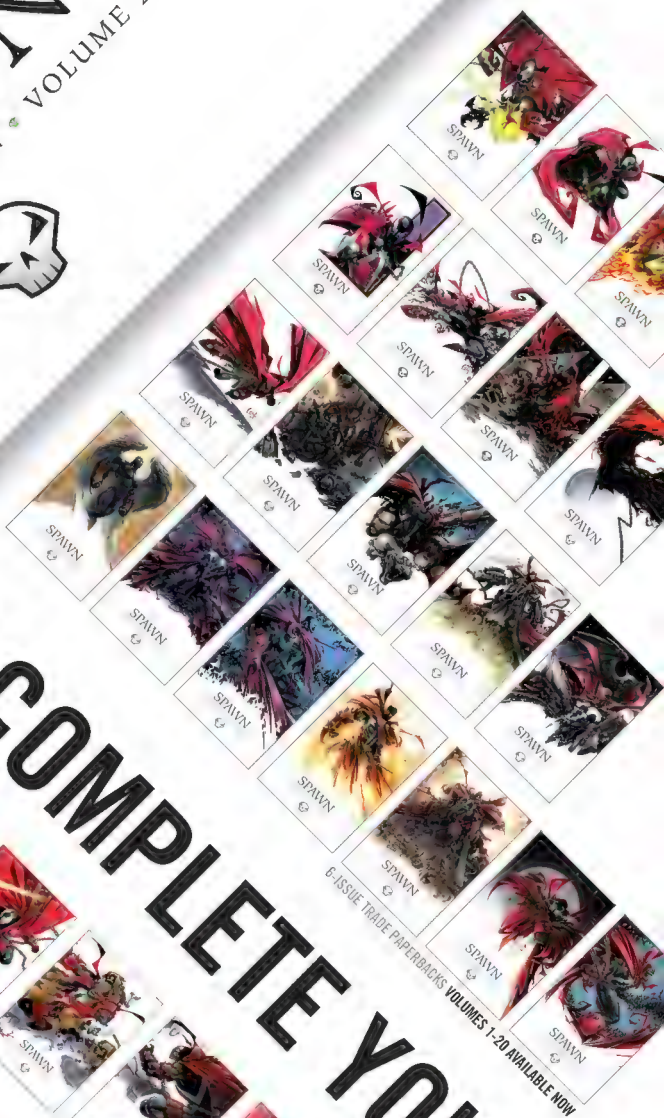


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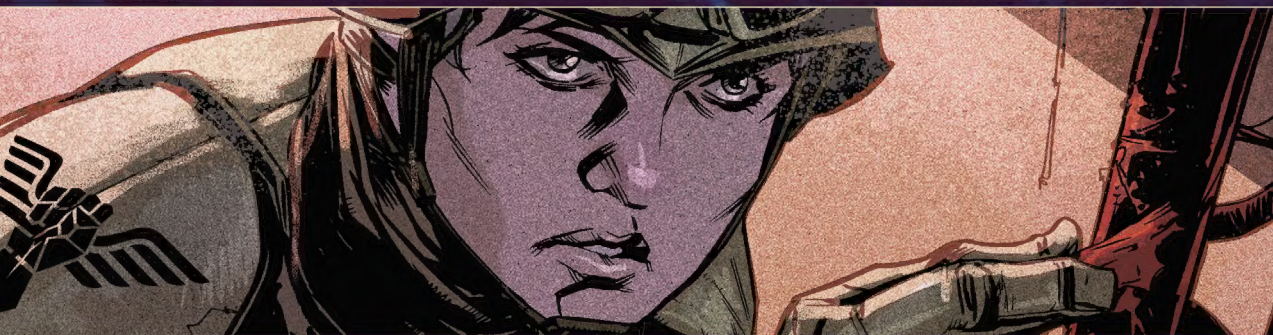
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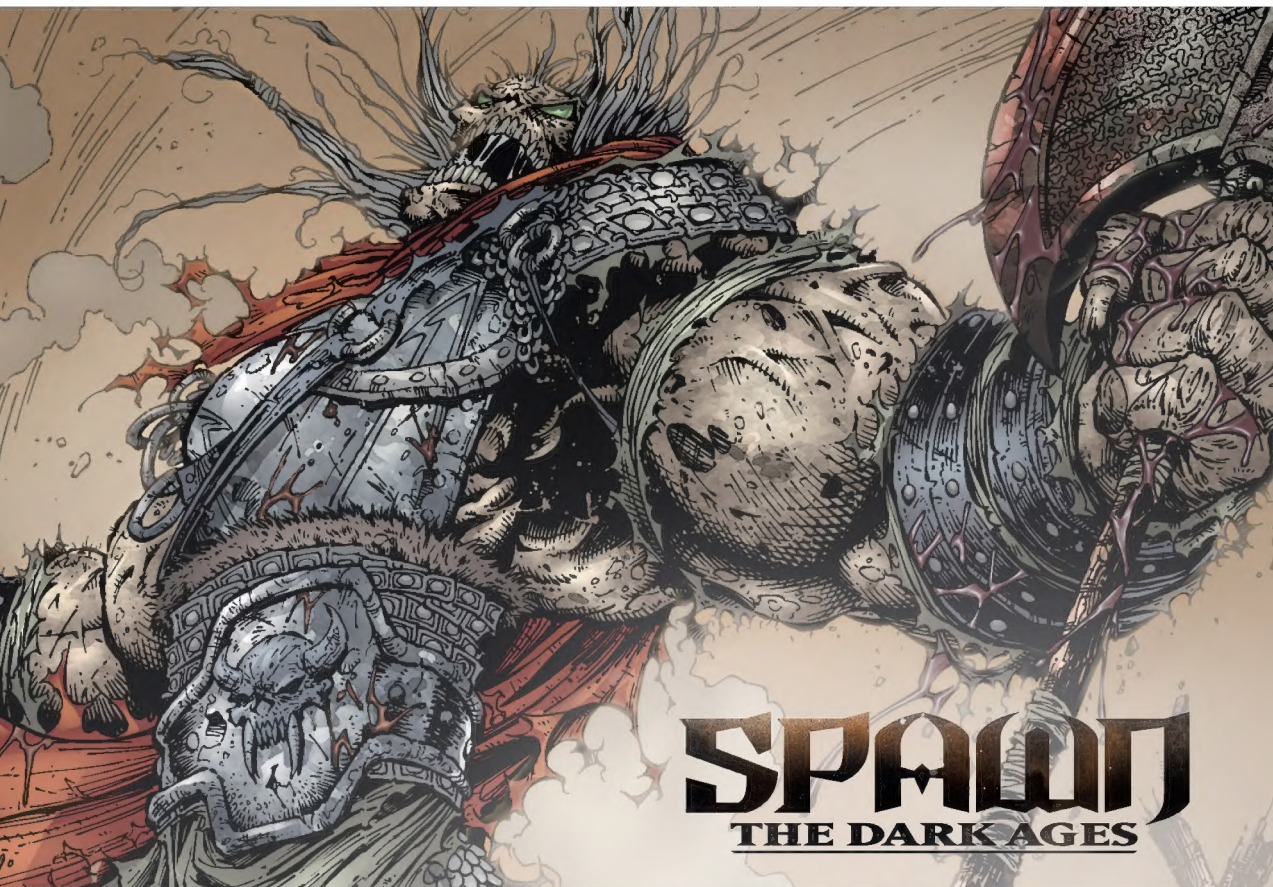
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